



## Al Tompkins Speaks

Columnist Al Tompkins speaks at UNO about modern day technologies.

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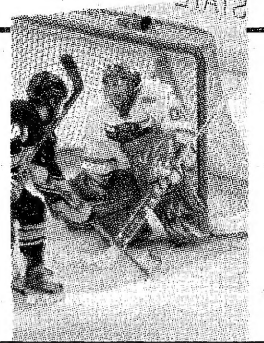
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## Student senate extends library hours, makes new appointments

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The student senate met Nov. 19 and passed a resolution that will extend library hours until 2 a.m. during prep and finals weeks.

President/Regent-elect Michael Crabb introduced the resolution. None of the funds to keep the library open the extra two hours will come from the student government, he said. It will be funded by the library's budget.

There are two funds in student government, the contingency fund and the operational fund. The contingency fund is a reserve fund to protect against losses. The operational account is an active account.

Executive treasurer Shari Tangeman broke down the Student Government's budget in a spreadsheet.

In Tangeman's breakdown of the accounts, the contingency fund has \$10,000. Student Government has spent \$480 on eight hockey buses so far.

The operational budget is made up of several items including the copier fee, postage, printing, publishing, a secretary salary and the student government retreat, Tangeman said. She said so far \$37,000 has been spent of the allocated \$168,000.

Some expenses Tangeman listed were \$335 for election banners, \$665 for operation and maintenance, \$2,200 for promotional items, \$2,700 for publishing and \$5,000 for the student senate fall retreat. The Readership Program, also mentioned by Tangeman, has cost \$27,000 over the span of four months.

Another round of appointments accompanied the library resolution. Sen. Seth Jones was appointed to the University Committee on Advancement of Teaching, while Sen. Gerard Wellman was appointed as Faculty Senate Liaison.

Tom Bosco was appointed to the University Committee on Student Publications. The board is responsible for allocating money hiring certain positions for The Gateway.

This is Bosco's first position in Student Government. He previously ran for three other positions and was not successful until this appointment. He said he wanted to get to know the student senate and become an active member in the organization.

Jordan Wagner was appointed as agency liaison for the GSO, the Gender and Sexual Orientation Student Agency. The position has so far been empty this semester.

The next student senate meeting will be held Dec. 3 at 7 p.m. in the Dodge Rooms in the Milo Bail Student Center.

## Budget forum sheds little light on upcoming cuts

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UNO Chancellor John Christensen provided little detail but said all options are being considered for the projected 2010-11 budget cuts at a forum on Nov. 19.

Christensen said he did not have any specifics from central administration or the Board of Regents and would not receive any "system-arching orders" until January, but he still wanted to hold the forum to keep the process as transparent as possible.

"The forum had been planned with the assumption the Legislature's special session would be over, but that is not the case," Christensen said. "But we will share the information as we promised all along, for you to know what we know."

Christensen, accompanied by Terry Hynes, senior vice chancellor of academic and student affairs and Bill Conley, vice chancellor for business and finance, presented the reasons behind the shortfall, as well as several options in dealing with the cuts.

In addition to the \$2.2 million shortfall in the 2009-10 fiscal year and the \$2.7 million anticipated shortfall in the 2010-11 fiscal year, UNO faces an additional \$3.8 million in cuts over the two-year period. The Appropriations Committee recommended a cut of \$1.4

million in 2010 and \$2.4 million in 2011.

Governor Dave Heineman recommended a slightly higher cut of \$1.4 million in 2010 and \$2.7 million in 2011.

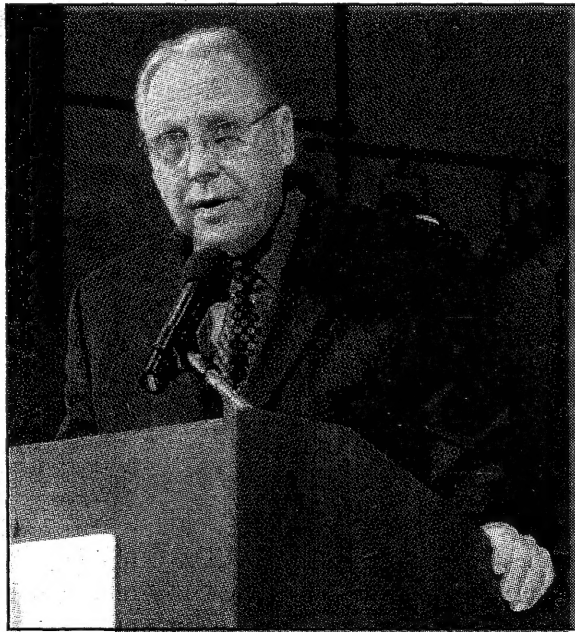
A significant portion of the shortfall comes from the pending increases in salaries. UNO is looking

at a 1.5 percent pay raise for all faculty, with a 3.8 percent pay raise for all American Association of University Professors faculty.

"[The salary increase] could be maintained, reduced or all-together eliminated, and I don't know whether or not this will happen," Christensen said. "But that would have huge impact as we move forward."

Christensen said the recent 4 percent tuition hike was not enough. Though he cared about access and the financial load students carry, he said it was his "personal hope" that the Board of Regents consider another tuition increase.

He said if the regents raised



Chancellor Christensen, shown above at a previous event, discussed potential solutions to cover UNO's budget shortfall. (JOE SHEARER/THE GATEWAY)

have a sustainable operation, so that's the end of the day."

The UNO Budget Advisory Task Force will meet on Dec. 2 to further explain the situation and provide new budget details or information, specifically from the since adjourned special legislative session.

After Jan. 1, efforts to address the fiscal 2011 shortfalls will be made, which Conley said concerns him more than the current situation.

"The challenge for the next biennium looks possibly and likely worse as the federal stimulus dollars come in and are no longer going to be available and will need to be replaced in

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## BUDGET-CUTTING STRATEGIES

Although few specifics or absolutes were provided, the panel agreed that the budget crisis is unprecedented for UNO.

"We are in a new territory as a campus, in terms of the magnitude of the challenge," Christensen said. "I would not be truthful if I said this is like what we would have to deal with in the past, because it's not."

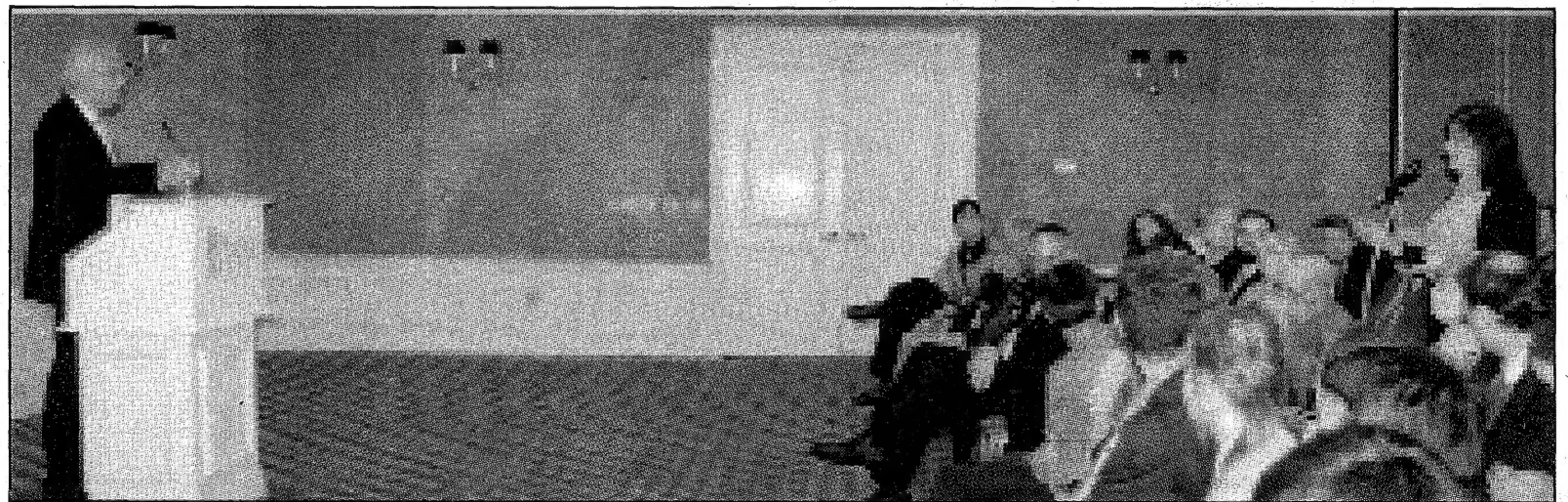
Christensen presented a list of possible strategies to resolve the budget shortfall:

- Early retirement agreements
- Maximizing workload productivity
- Furloughs
- Continued restraint in hiring
- Shifting from full-time to part-time staffing where feasible
- Reducing part-time and/or temporary positions
- Voluntary reduction in hours worked
- Operating budget savings, such as travel

He also emphasized the uncertainty with these strategies.

"There is nothing written in stone, but at this point in time, everything is on the table," Christensen said. "Whether they are realistic or possible, until we determine that it is unrealistic or impossible, everything needs to be considered. There is no agenda, there is no priority."

## Former U.S. ambassador offers solutions to Arab-Israeli conflict



Martin Indyk (left) interacts with Daphna Pollak after Indyk's speech on Nov. 24. (MITCHELL WARREN/THE GATEWAY)

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A former U.S. ambassador to Israel gave his analysis of the U.S. effort to bring peace to the Middle East, both past and present, in front of a standing room only audience at Thompson Alumni Center on Nov. 24.

Martin Indyk, also vice president and director of the Brookings Institute, said he hoped

his failures in brokering a peace arrangement between Israel and Palestine would serve as a "lantern on the stern" for the Obama Administration.

Indyk focused on five principle lessons from his book, "Innocent Abroad: An Intimate Account of American Peace Diplomacy." He said the lessons could not only serve as a guide to an American president resurrecting the peace effort, but could also be used

to evaluate President Obama's performance in doing such.

The first lesson: "It is better to try and fail than to not try at all."

"It's important to try," Indyk said, "because resolving the Arab-Israeli conflict is in the greatest national interest, which is both promoting peace and stability in a region of vital concern to the United States and spreading our relationships, friendships and alliances in the region and a

ultimately a way of ensuring a free flow of oil."

He said the second lesson is for a president to shape the strategic context in which leaders in the region have to make their decisions.

"Today, shaping the strategic context amounts to the U.S. finding a way to work together with the Arabs and Israelis

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# Study finds social media expands social networks

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The Pew Internet & American Life Project recently released the findings of its study, "Social Isolation and New Technology," which found that people's use of mobile phones and the Internet actually increases their social networks.

These findings go against popular opinion and mainstream media, which has always been critical of technology and social media, said Adam Tyma, a UNO assistant professor who specializes in computer-mediated communication.

"The media needs to report on something," Tyma said. "If everyone is using it, and there is an isolated problem, then that problem becomes normalized across all users. Are there problems? Sure. Do we really know what works, what does not work and the plethora of uses and abuses that may exist?"

The Pew Project's findings

challenge the results of a 2006 study by American sociologists who argued technology is continuing a trend seen since 1985. The study found that the size of the social networks of the average American seems to be shrinking, as well as the diversity of contacts.

Wendy Townley, assistant director of media relations for UNO, relies heavily on social media for her job and takes a practical view of the technology.

"I could certainly do media relations on a daily basis without it... but in terms of talking to students and interacting with other people on campus, it's a really effective tool that is just wonderful," she said.

Working in media relations, Townley must remain near the cutting edge of social media to reach as many students, current and prospective, as possible. Every day, she uses Facebook, Twitter and YouTube to promote the university and has amassed a sizeable

personal network in the process.

"I would feel really comfortable e-mailing any one of these people if I needed something," Townley said. "Would I ever feel comfortable approaching all 1,100 of these people and inviting them to my birthday party? Absolutely not."

Katie Langenfeld, a UNO senior who has studied computer-mediated communication, said she believes the technology's pros far outweigh its cons, but also believes that knowing when to "unplug" is important.

"I use social media every day for just about anything," she said. "I connect with family and friends through social networks, and I keep in contact with co-workers and clients during business hours."

Although the findings of the Pew study seem to validate supporters of social media, Tyma questions the accuracy of such studies and urges

students to use their own sense in determining how much they rely on social media to expand and maintain their networks.

"Honestly, I think it is too early to tell," Tyma said. "We have only just started really figuring out the full effect of these things called online social communities, social media, etc. From a communication perspective, I think we are going to need to re-evaluate our methods for social media users. It seems as though the various communication channels happen simultaneously, resulting in different types of communication happening at the same time, all of them influencing the other."

That level of complexity makes it difficult to isolate individual variables, Tyma said, and until a method can be perfected which takes that complexity into account, the true effects of social media will remain difficult to gauge.

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some fashion," he said.

Christensen, Hynes and Conley all stressed the decentralizing of the decision-making process and the importance of empowering deans and supervisors to put forward recommendations.

"We are trying to do our best to keep decision-making decentralized where we can do that, so that we're not making

decisions at just the chancellor's level or at the [vice chancellor] level," Hynes said.

"We are trying to make sure that the college level retains the ability to be able to make the decisions that are in the best interests of the colleges, of the other units on campus, so we can move forward in the best possible way, because those [who] are the nearest to the ground, closest to the front lines, will know the pulse of what we are doing."

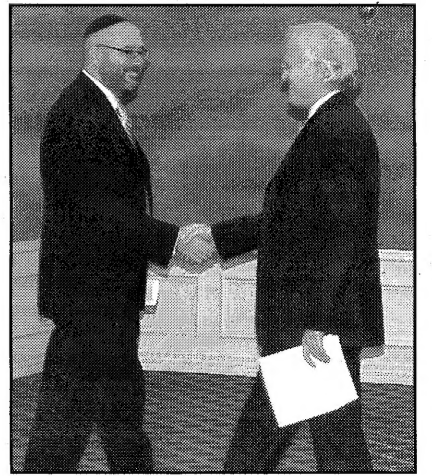
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because they face a common threat — to in effect, roll back Iranian influence, curb its nuclear ambitions and to show that peace making can triumph over violence and terrorism," Indyk said. "But the U.S. needs to avoid getting sucked into the details, because then we lose the influence of our power."

The remaining lessons included understanding that the 21<sup>st</sup> century Middle Eastern environment is vastly different than a decade ago, finding a sense of urgency with Arab leaders and Israeli leaders and being aware of unintended consequences of American action in the Middle East.

Overall, Indyk said Obama has been ambitious in his effort to lead the peace process but has come up short in success.

"After almost 11 months, it is not going very well," Indyk said. "If you were grading, he would get an E for effort, but an F overall."



Martin Indyk (right) and Guy Matalon (left) greet each other prior to Indyk's lecture. Indyk is a former U.S. Ambassador who came to UNO to speak about the Arab-Israeli conflict. (MITCHELL WARREN/THE GATEWAY)

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## 'New Moon' lives up to Twi-hype

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Two-hards are sinking their teeth into "The Twilight Saga: New Moon," but the rest may still be on the fence about seeing it. "New Moon" publicity has bombarded us for months. Those who haven't seen it may be wondering whether it could possibly live up to the hype. The answer is a resounding "yes."

"New Moon" is the second installment of the mega-hit vampire series based on Stephanie Meyer's bestselling books. In the film, human heroine Bella Swan (Kristen Stewart) is heartbroken when her vampire love Edward Cullen (Robert Pattinson) leaves her. Her friend Jacob Black (Taylor Lautner) comforts her until he finds himself turning into a werewolf and chasing a coven

of enemy vampires who want to make Bella their meal.

Director Chris Weitz ("About a Boy") brings a noticeably different flavor to "New Moon" than "Twilight" director Catherine Hardwicke. While "Twilight" had the feel of an independent film, "New Moon" seems more like a big-budget blockbuster. From film color and camera angles to wardrobe and makeup, everything has a Hollywood vibe. This is not necessarily better, just different.

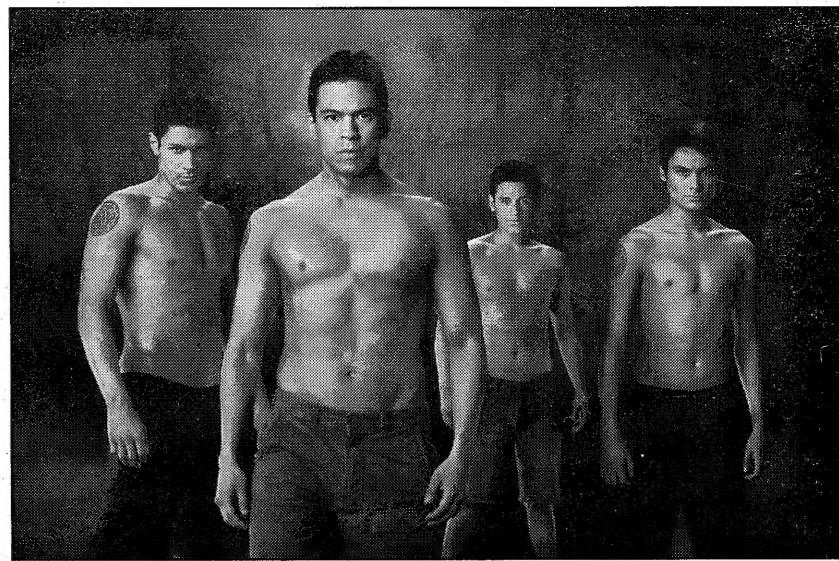
One thing that doesn't change from "Twilight" to "New Moon" is Melissa Rosenberg's well-written screenplay adaptation. Rosenberg takes fan-favorite dialogue and scenes from Meyer's books, then adds a mixture of suspenseful twists and witty one-liners.

Many of these lines are delivered by skilled actors such as Tony Award nominee Anna Kendrick, who plays Bella's gossip

human friend Jessica Stanley. Kendrick has just the right attitude to show Stanley's sarcasm and annoyance while still seeming likable.

The supporting cast includes some other standout performances. Michael Sheen ("Frost/Nixon") perfectly fits the complicated role of Aro, leader of the Volturi vampires. He flawlessly walks the line between craziness and refinement. Also noteworthy is relative newcomer Alex Meraz who has a small, but memorable part as the most violent werewolf, Paul. Meraz does a superb job portraying Paul's failed attempts at controlling himself.

The cinematography is beautiful, too. Whether the characters are running frantically through the woods of the Pacific Northwest or speeding through



ALEX MERAZ (PAUL), CHASKE SPENCER (SAM ULEY), BRONSON PELLETIER (JARED) AND KIOWA GORDON (EMBRY) FORM THE WOLF PACK IN "THE TWILIGHT SAGA: NEW MOON." (PHOTO COURTESY TIMOTHY WHITE)

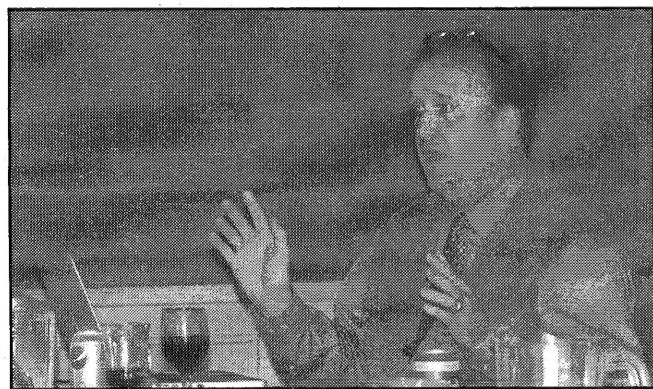
a crowded Italian street in a stolen Porsche, the camera angles use the backdrops to their full potential. The cinematography is done particularly well in the infamous cliff diving scene when Bella is drowning. The underwater peacefulness of such a scary moment lends a confusing and

almost trippy feeling to the pivotal scene.

The movie isn't without flaws, however. In "Twilight," the bloodsucking fight scenes were so well done that they won a plethora of awards. In contrast, "New

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## Popular columnist makes stop at UNO



Al Tompkins speaks about the latest online technology and equipment to enhance the Web and news gathering. (ANDREA CIUREJ/THE GATEWAY)

ANDREA CIUREJ  
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

More than a dozen UNO students, faculty, staff and other Omaha-area professionals met at the Thompson Alumni Center's Centennial Hall on Nov. 20 to see a popular online columnist speak about growing technology in the journalism field.

UNO's School of Communication hosted Al Tompkins, the Poynter Institute's broadcast and online group leader. Tompkins spoke about various online tools and media equipment, and how these tools are revolutionizing the media industry by enhancing Web content and maximizing newsgathering efficiency.

Tompkins cited examples, such as Mac's Final Cut Pro, which can be used to aid in video blogging, to Layar 2.0, a Smartphone browser application designed to show real-time digital information through a mobile phone camera.

Augmented reality interfaces, such as Layar, will place the power of knowledge in the palm of one's hand, Tompkins said.

"Just cash in on what you what you know," Tompkins said. "This is going to be a market for it."

Another advantage to the growing digital media age is the ability to capture events live, Tompkins said. The Digital SLR camera, for example, can be used to shoot photos and high-quality video. LiveU, a portable video-broadcasting device, enables live wireless, high-definition multimedia transmission from any location without the use of a satellite uplink.

However, Tompkins said online mediagoers still need to go about getting information like before. While new software is available to help, it cannot replace the impact of getting the basic story itself.

"It's always about the story," Tompkins said. "If the story is strong, people will always watch."

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## EVERYDAY RUNWAY WITH JAY

by Jared Spence

**"Are pearls still in style? If so, what can I wear them with if I don't want to look like I'm going to a dinner party?" -I.B.**

Pearls are classic and iconic, and therefore always in style. These mollusk-born beauties have long been synonymous with high class and high style. Despite their grand status, they have also gained a reputation for being old fashioned and stiff, but today pearls have taken on a whole new life.

To combat looking matronly, I would advise you to ditch the traditional pearl strand necklace typically reserved for dinner parties and opt for a new age approach that can be worn casually or dressed up.

Various metal chains layered or tangled with pearls add a slight twist to the basic strand necklace and are easy to pair with an everyday outfit. The wrapped and wrangled creations are great for adding a rugged edge, making them perfect to pair with a tank top or sweater, distressed jeans and boots. For a more feminine take, toss them with your favorite casual dress and tights with a motorcycle jacket.

A ribbon or bib-style pearl necklace is best worn with a V-neck T-shirt or tank top

with a blazer or cardigan. Finish off the look with a great pair of jeans. A pair of boots, flats or even heels dresses it up a make an exquisite complement to a show-stopping outfit. Slip on a large cocktail ring to add a splash of extra glamour and help tie the look together.

Clustered pearls and those mixed with other stones, gems, metals and ribbon also offer a more youthful option while still remaining chic.

The real trick to making pearls flow is to coordinate them with other elements to create a sophisticated ensemble.

Stores such as Ann Taylor and Banana Republic offer some excellent modern pearl necklaces for under \$100. Forever 21 also has great faux pearl options at prices that are a real steal.

**Need fashion advice? Send your questions to [jmspace@unomaha.edu](mailto:jmspace@unomaha.edu) or submit them on the "Everyday Runway with Jay" Facebook page.**

## 'Call of Duty' sequel sets bar high

REVIEW BY  
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Millions of video game aficionados lined up Nov. 10, securing their place in line to purchase one of the most anticipated video games of 2009.

"Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2" broke the record on opening day game sales, drawing an estimated \$310 million in North America and the United Kingdom alone, according to Activision, the game's publisher.

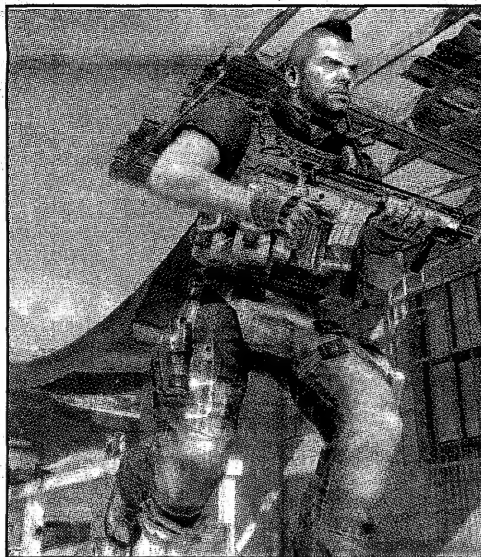
Following in the footsteps of the original "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare," the sequel places the player in the boots of elite operatives in various locales across the globe. The world is on the brink of war, set in motion by a notorious terrorist mastermind. The goal is to avert global disaster and bring this fugitive to justice.

While playing through the campaign, players become immersed in this alternate reality, with all their senses mesmerized by the sheer magnitude of effort invested to make this game as realistic as possible.

With arguably the most believable video game representation of an actual firefight, "Modern Warfare 2" excels in graphics, physics, audio and controls. It's fast paced and easy to pick up, which make this game a major contender for the holiday season.

Bullets shatter plywood above your head as you take cover from countless enemies surrounding your position. You can hear the advancing troops communicating in Russian as they prepare to bombard your safe-haven with grenades. Then suddenly, a volley of missiles fired from a player-controlled Predator drone strike with deadly precision, leaving a cloud of debris wafting through the battlefield.

The multiplayer aspect of "Modern Warfare 2" offers a wide variety of game modes and unlockable extras aimed at being just as engrossing as the single-player portion of the game. Weapons can be upgraded in multiple ways and tailored to the situation. Different classes with different "perks" offer a variety of approaches to achieve victory.



A scene from "Call of Duty: Modern Warfare 2." (PHOTO COURTESY OF MODERNWARFARE2.COM)

Competition is fierce as new users are forced to unlock attachments for their weapons. Those who invest more time into the game possess more advantages.

However, a minor qualm is that the single-player campaign can be completed in less than five hours. A special play list that offers specific objectives can be played cooperatively does have some replay value, but can also be completed within a relatively short amount of time.

The meat of this game resides with its online functionality and progressive leveling system that adds a whole new dimension to multiplayer. But with such a steep learning curve, new users may find this game somewhat frustrating and be turned off from the get go.

"Modern Warfare 2" is easily one of the most visually impressive games and will undoubtedly stand tall this holiday season as it continues its path into the record books. For gamers and non-gamers alike, it's a sound investment in year-round entertainment. Don't miss this cinematic jewel.



FROM *NEW MOON*: PAGE 3

Moon's" fights are rather disappointing.

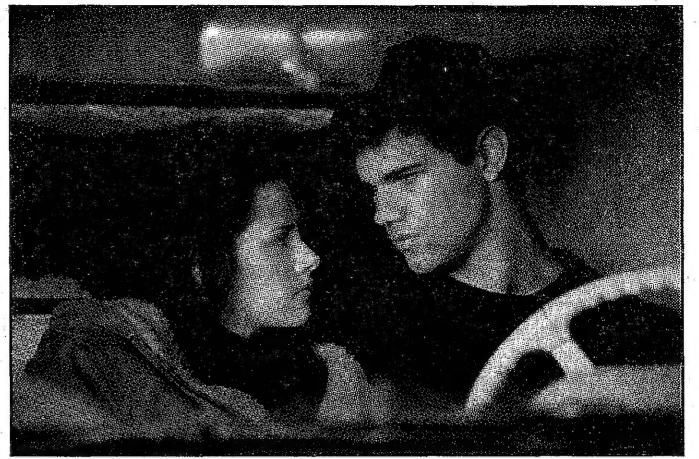
One of the fights between the werewolves and a vampire is very underdone. It is just a bunch of running and ripping. Sure, it's a PG-13 movie, but can't audiences see a bit more action? The actors' faces didn't even show enough emotion for the audience to get into it.

On the opposite end of the spectrum, the climactic vampire fight is quite overdone. Edward is a mind reader, so he usually wins fights because he can see what his opponents are going to do before they do it. So it is laughable that an average vampire could kick Edward's butt with no help.

In spite of the disappointing fight scenes, the rest of "New Moon" meets the impossible expectations set by advertisers and obsessive Twilighters.

The highly anticipated film took a bite out of the record books. Ticket sales for the U.S. midnight premiere broke the record set by "Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince," according to the Los Angeles Times. "New Moon" crushed the record set by "Star Wars: Episode III" for advance ticket sales on MovieTickets.com.

Non-Twilighters may wonder why fans are freaking out. Rest assured that "New Moon" is well worth the admission cost. Contrary to popular belief, the movie is not just for pre-teens and their Twi-moms. It has something for everybody: romance, smart humor, action and plot twists. However, to fully understand "New Moon," viewers need to see "Twilight" first. Rent it; buy it; do whatever's necessary. Then, go to the theater and see how much "New Moon" shines.



Kristen Stewart and Taylor Lautner star in "The Twilight Saga: New Moon." (KIMBERLEY FRENCH/SUMMIT ENTERTAINMENT/MCT)

### U.S. box office

"The Twilight Saga: New Moon" is the only movie on the top-ten best opening weekends that was released outside of Hollywood's busy summer season.

Gross revenues, in millions:

1. The Dark Knight (2008) **\$158.4**
2. Spider-Man 3 (2007) **\$151.1**
3. The Twilight Saga: New Moon (2009) **\$140.7**
4. Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006) **\$135.6**
5. Shrek the Third (2007) **\$121.6**
6. Spider-Man (2002) **\$114.8**
7. Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End (2007) **\$114.7**
8. Star Wars Ep. III: Revenge of the Sith (2005) **\$108.4**
9. Shrek 2 (2001) **\$108**
10. X-Men: The Last Stand (2006) **\$102.7**

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## UNO snaps losing streak, sweeps Western Michigan

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The UNO hockey team earned its first series sweep of the season when it defeated Western Michigan 4-2 Saturday night at Qwest Center Omaha.

The Mavs improved to 7-4-3 overall and 4-4-2-1 in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association with the sweep.

"It was a great weekend for us. We really needed it," senior defenseman Eddie DelGrosso said. "We showed a lot of resilience and hopefully we can build off this."

After edging Western Michigan 4-3 the night before, snapping a three-game losing streak, the Mavericks came out determined to get a more convincing win Saturday night.

The Mavs got on the board first with a power-play goal by junior forward Matt Ambroz. Ambroz deflected a long slap shot past the Broncos' goalie Jerry Kuhn to give the Mavs a 1-0 lead 12:45 into the first period. Junior defenseman Eric Olimb and sophomore forward Ryan Kretzer were credited with the assists.

Western Michigan tied the game 12:37 into the second period on a goal by forward Cam Watson. Watson banged a loose puck past redshirt freshman John Faulkner to even the score 1-1.

DelGrosso put the Mavericks back up 2-1 with more than a minute left in the second period. DelGrosso scored on a one-touch pass from freshman forward Terry Broadhurst. Kretzer picked up the secondary assist.

The Broncos scored just seconds into the third period to tie the game again 2-2. A bouncing puck got past Faulkner, but that proved to be the Broncos' last goal of the night. Forward



UNO goaltender John Faulkner prepares to block a shot by Western Michigan's Kyle O'Kane as UNO's Alex Hudson helps defend during Saturday's game. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Ian Slater was credited with the goal.

UNO regained the lead minutes later when Olimb gathered a loose puck and beat Kuhn to make the score 3-2.

"The guys didn't panic," head coach Dean Blais said. "From that point on, I thought we took control of the game and didn't give them any chances."

It was clear the Mavs wouldn't let the Broncos get back in the game as they did on Friday night. UNO had all the momentum and spent much of the third period in the offensive zone, generating several scoring chances.

"I think our speed is better than in years past," Olimb said. "We're better conditioned to skate with teams later in games."

DelGrosso added the insurance marker, a power play goal with 1:02 left in the game. It was DelGrosso's second of the night.

UNO cruised to victory, outshooting Western Michigan 29-10. It was the Broncos' lowest shot total in school history.

Blais was quick to recognize DelGrosso's big game afterwards.

"On that first goal, it was a give and go, and he just had another gear to the net," he said. "The second goal was just a great shot by Eddie. He finds a way of getting his shots because he's a good, smart skater."

Faulkner started the game in net

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## Two Mavs finish second at the Kaufman-Brand Open

ZACH SEASTEDT  
SPORTS EDITOR

Two Mavericks placed second to lead UNO in the 27th annual Kaufman-Brand Open, considered one of the largest wrestling tournaments in the country.

Over 450 wrestlers from 12 different states and 33 schools competed on the mats in Sapp Fieldhouse on Nov. 21. The tournament was split into two divisions, elite and amateur.

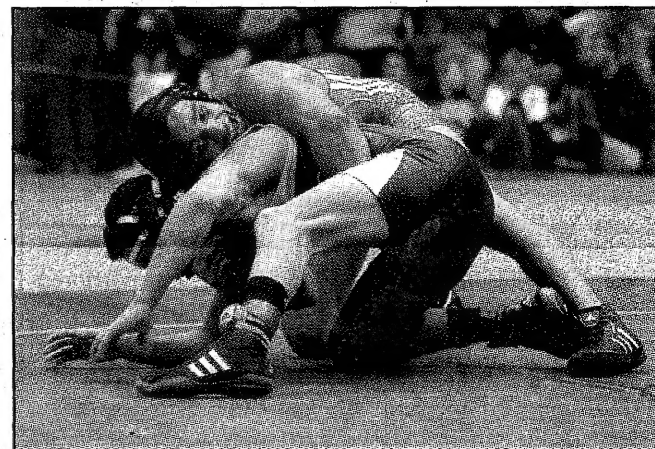
The Mavs had five wrestlers place in the elite division and seven place in the amateur division.

Senior Jacob Marrs was the top finisher for UNO in the elite division. Marrs came in second place at 197 pounds after finishing the day 4-1, including earning three straight pins. The native of Oak Hill, Kan., earned his 100<sup>th</sup> career win when he defeated Minnesota's Joe Nord in 39 seconds. Marrs is the 25<sup>th</sup> wrestler in UNO history to reach 100 wins. He lost in the championship round to Tyler Sorenson of South Dakota State.

Sophomore heavyweight Taylor Escamilla placed second in the amateur division's 285-pound class. Escamilla lost to Minnesota's Jake Kettler in the championship round, 6-5.

Many other Mavs placed throughout the tournament.

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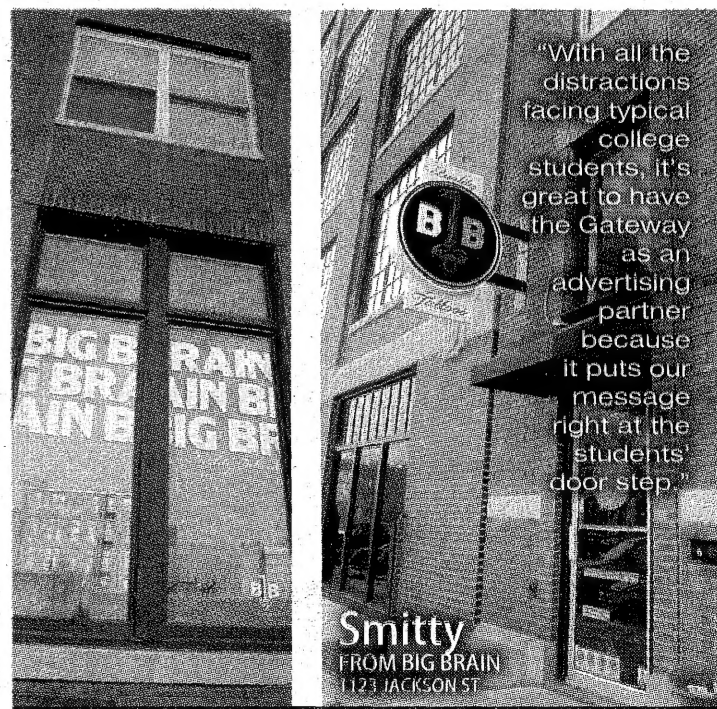
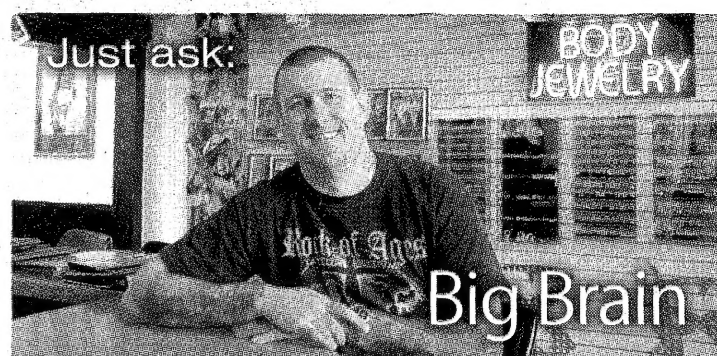


Sim Bribieseca sends his opponent to the mat during the Kaufman-Brand Open on Nov. 21. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

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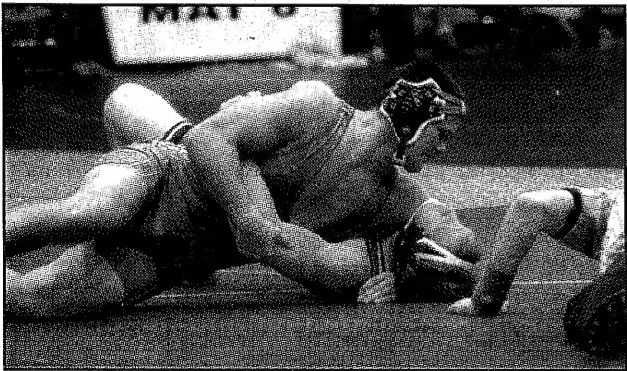


Western Michigan goaltender Riley Gill watches as Alex Hudson's shot heads into the net for the game-winning goal Friday night. The Mavs won 4-3. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

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for the Mavs and registered eight saves. He improved his record to 5-3-2 on the season.

The Mavs face two tough road tests in the weeks to come. First is a two game series on the road against nationally ranked Ferris State on Dec. 4 and 5. The week after, UNO makes its annual road trip to Alaska to take on Alaska-Fairbanks, another nationally ranked team, for another two-game series.



Aaron Denson takes on an opponent Nov. 21 at the Kaufman-Brand Open. Denson earned a third-place finish in the 184-pound Elite Division. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

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Junior Aaron Denson placed third at 184 pounds after going 4-1. Denson fell to Iowa's Vinnie Wagner before beating Iowa's Grand Gambrall and Old Dominion's Joe Budi for third place.

Junior Ryan Pankoke went 4-1 and finished third at 165 pounds. Pankoke's only loss came to Nebraska's Tyler Koehn. Pankoke placed third after defeating Tyler Johnson of North Dakota state.

Junior Mario Morgan finished second at 141 pounds while wrestling unattached. He went 3-1, losing to Montell Marion in the championship round. Marion was wrestling for Iowa unattached.

Sophomore Nathan Sigman went 6-1 and finished third at 157 pounds. He fell to Joey Sheridan, wrestling unattached for Old Dominion, in the semi-finals before defeating Clay Gable to earn third place.

The wrestling team will be back on the mat Dec. 5 when they travel to Hays, Kan., to participate in the Fort Hays Open beginning at 9 a.m.

# Mavs' season ends in 3-1 loss to No. 8 Washburn

ZACH SEASTEDT  
SPORTS EDITOR

The UNO women's volleyball team fell in the first round of the NCAA Division II South Central Region tournament to end their 2009 season.

The Mavs (20-14 overall, 10-10 Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association) fell to conference rival Washburn 3-1. Washburn improved to 33-4 overall after winning the match 23-25, 25-16, 25-14, 25-22.

"Washburn is a great team," head coach Rose Shires said. "I think that they have a lot of weapons. [They are a] very high-quality team but we matched up well against them. They are a team that we can beat and should beat when we play them."

The Mavs jumped out to take the first set 25-23. UNO built a 20-13 lead before Washburn battled back to within one point at 22-21. The Mavs closed the set with a kill by senior hitter Sara Kampschnieder, who led the Mavs with six kills in the set. Senior hitter Kelli Goesser also had a big impact on the first set with five kills.

"I thought we were being extremely aggressive with our shots," Shires said. "Our blocking and defensive game was actually playing at a very high level."

Washburn, down one set to none, displayed its talent in the next two sets. The Lady Blues won sets two and three in dominating fashion.

"When we got to the second and third set, our passing broke down a little bit and we had to go to our outside hitters instead of using our full compliment of hitters," Shires said. "When they know that, they can double team our outside hitters. We

struggled at that point. We got it back, we played well enough in the fourth set but we just need to finish it."

The Mavs put up a fight in the fourth and final set, but were ultimately put away. Washburn held a 14-10 advantage before the Mavs scored five of the next six points to get

Goesser led the Mavs offensively with 14 kills, hitting .224 for the match. Kampschnieder had 13 kills, two assists and 20 digs. Sophomore middle blocker Lizzy Mach contributed eight kills.

Sophomore setter Emily Myers finished with 1,411 assists after registering 37 against Washburn, the fifth-highest single-season total in UNO history. She ended the 2009 season ninth in career assists at UNO with 2,348.

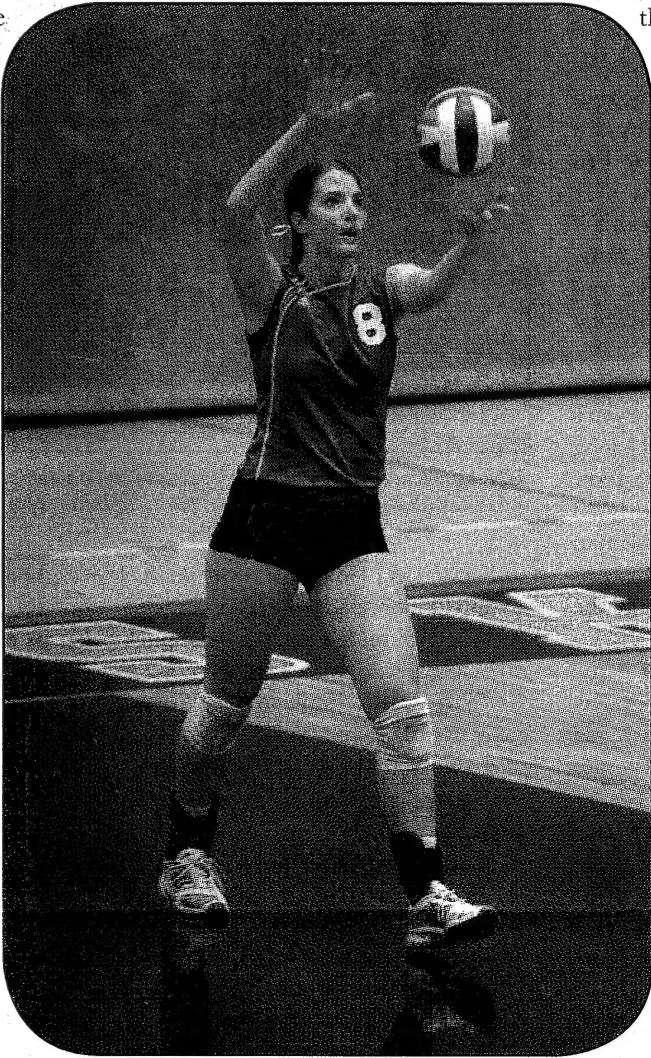
One glaring piece missing from UNO's offense was senior middle blocker Ellen Thommes. The MIAA first-team honoree only had five kills in her final game as a Maverick, although she did make her mark defensively with one solo block and four block assists. A leg injury from a few weeks ago has slowed Thommes over the last couple of matches.

"Three or four matches before, she was hurt," Shires said. "She never really gained her full mobility from that. She's been playing around 80 percent. Washburn, no matter what, would double team her. We used her as a decoy and for her shot-blocking."

Despite the first-round loss, Shires considers this team one of her best since she's been at UNO. The competition is tough in the MIAA, one of the strongest conferences in Division II.

"This is honestly the best team I've had in a decade," Shires said. "The

most talent, most focused team that I've had in a decade. This conference is just amazing, you have teams like Emporia and Truman who lost in the first round as well, and these are top 10 teams in the country. You're playing that caliber all the time, you have to have the physical and mental endurance to handle this conference."



Senior Ellen Thommes was named to two all-South Central Region teams. Thommes grabbed a spot on the American Volleyball Coaches Association first team and the Daktronics second team. (MICHELLE BISHOP/ THE GATEWAY)

within one. Washburn again extended its lead to 20-15, but UNO continued to hang around and got within two at 24-22. The Lady Blues' Jessica Kopp ended the match with a kill.

"We played a little bit more in control," Shires said. "We played with an idea of playing to win it instead of just playing."

## December Sports Schedule

### Men's Basketball

Dec. 2 v. Washburn.....7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 5 v. Fort Hays State.....6 p.m.  
Dec. 8 v. York (Neb.).....10:30 a.m.  
Dec. 12 @ Northwest Missouri State.....7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 18 v. Nebraska-Kearney.....7:30 p.m.  
Dec. 31 v. Emporia State.....2 p.m.

### Women's Basketball

Dec. 2 v. Washburn.....5:30 p.m.  
Dec. 5 v. Fort Hays State.....4 p.m.  
Dec. 8 v. York (Neb.).....12:30 p.m.  
Dec. 12 @ Northwest Missouri State.....5:30 p.m.  
Dec. 18 v. Nebraska-Kearney.....5:30 p.m.  
Dec. 31 v. Emporia State.....12 p.m.

### Hockey

Dec. 4 @ Ferris State.....6:05 p.m. CT  
Dec. 5 @ Ferris State.....4:05 p.m. CT  
Dec. 11 @ Alaska-Fairbanks.....10:05 p.m. CT  
Dec. 12 @ Alaska-Fairbanks.....10:05 p.m. CT  
Dec. 18 @ Minnesota State-Mankato.....7:37 p.m.  
Dec. 19 v. Minnesota State-Mankato.....7:05 p.m.

### Football

Dec. 5 v. West Texas A&M (Kanza Bowl).....1 p.m.

### Wrestling

Dec. 5 @ Fort Hays Open (in Hays, Kan.).....9 a.m.  
Dec. 12 @ Nebraska-Kearney Open.....9 a.m.

### Swimming/Diving

Dec. 4 - 5 @ Mutual of Omaha Invite.....9 a.m.

### Women's Track and Field

Dec. 12 @ Wildcat Invite (in Wayne, Neb.).....TBA



# Nelson's 27 points leads Mavs over Chadron State

**ZACH SEASTEDT**  
SPORTS EDITOR

Senior forward Ashley Nelson scored a career-high 27 points and freshman guard Jamie Nash hit a clutch 3-pointer with less than a minute remaining to lead the UNO women's basketball team to a 70-62 victory over Chadron State in the final game of the UNO Thanksgiving Classic.

The Mavs struggled offensively in the first half before taking charge late in the game for the win.

"This was a grind-it-out win that we came back and won," head coach Patty Patton Shearer said. "That was a game that we had to have, a grind game that you come back and win confidently. That is a game the team has to have in order to get confidence in the long term."

The win gives the Mavs a 3-2 record heading into conference play next week.

"It was a really good win, we should have never been that far behind," Nash said. "We got ourselves in a hole and it was our responsibility to get ourselves back out. The win was ugly, but it was a win and hopefully we learn from that."

UNO had a sluggish first half offensively. The Mavs made only six of their 28 field goal attempts in the first half to shoot 21 percent, including 0-8 from beyond the 3-point line.

"We weren't executing in the first half," Patton Shearer said. "We missed a lot of tempo stuff because we were not in the right places, or we missed screens, or we put the ball

in the wrong place to execute when we were executing screens. We just didn't really have a rhythm."

Nash was also disappointed with the first-half offensive production.

"We couldn't do anything in the first half," she said. "We had to switch things up, obviously we weren't executing. We really needed to focus on executing."

Despite the low offensive numbers, the Mavs were tied with Chadron State 25-25 going into halftime. UNO held the Eagles to 33 percent on 10-of-30 shooting from the field.

"I think we shot well from the free-throw line, that was a piece that allowed us to try to score," Patton Shearer said. "One of the things we have to get better at is if we were not scoring with any sort of offensive rhythm, we're not letting it impact our defense. Our defensive intensity has to control itself, and then when we play with that defensive intensity, letting it create offense."

The second half was much more efficient for the Maverick offense. UNO made 50 percent of its field goal attempts in the second half, scoring 45 points in the final 20 minutes.

"It was good that we were tied at half and worked back," Nelson said. "It wasn't a pretty game by any means, but I think we came back and had some confidence, and when we started rolling we didn't quit."

Nash credited the adjustments made at halftime for their resurgence in the second half.

"Going into the half we were tied, [Patton Shearer] said the things we need to work on were that we

need to execute and block out," Nash said. "They were killing us on the boards and that's ridiculous with our size and toughness. We needed to rebound and I think we did that a little better in the second half and that helped us."

Chadron State held a small lead over UNO for most of the second half. The Mavs tied the game at 59 with 3:27 remaining with two free throws by freshman guard Paige Frauendorfer. A layup by senior guard Alyssa Green gave the Mavs their first lead of the half, 61-60 with 2:21 left in the game.

After two free throws gave Chadron State a 62-61 edge, Nelson hit a jumper in the paint to pull the Mavs back in front. With under a minute left and a one-point lead, Nash pulled up from the top of the circle and hit the Mavs' only 3-pointer of the game. The shot gave the Mavs a 66-62 lead with only 45 seconds left in the game.

"I probably could have passed it... I was nervous and didn't know what to do," Nash said. "I heard Coach yelling and I was like, 'Alright, this is it, I gotta do it.' When the shot was going off, I was like 'Dear Lord please make this go in.'"

Patton Shearer was relieved at the timing of the Mavs' only 3-pointer of the game.

"We hit that three and the three that matters is the three that opens the game up," she said. "It was a huge 3-pointer."

Nash finished with 11 points on 4-of-8 shooting from the field and 1-2 from the 3-point line. She also had three assists. Green scored 15 points and added two assists. Frauendorfer had 10 points.

Nelson's career-high scoring performance came when the Mavs needed her size the most. At 6-feet-4, the Lincoln native became a reliable weapon for the struggling offense to gain some continuity.

"She's big, when her hooks



Senior forward Ashley Nelson scored a career-high 27 points to lead UNO to a 70-62 victory over Chadron State in the final game of the UNO Thanksgiving Classic on Saturday. (JODI PENN/THE GATEWAY)

go in she's tough to stop," Patton Shearer said. "If we can get her the ball with a nice rhythm, we got some shooters, I think that opens it up for her inside."

Nash also had big compliments for the senior forward.

"We need to go to her more than we do," Nash said. "She was finishing for us, getting rebounds and being tough. She really led it tonight. I think she was the power to what we had in the second half. I think that really helped, she's a great senior leader."

UNO's aggressive defense kept them in the game when their offense was not playing well. The Mavs had four blocks and nine steals. Nelson led the Mavs with two blocks and Green registered four steals.

"We got tough," Nash said. "They were doing stuff that we weren't stopping. To be honest, we didn't play our best at all. Just came down to getting tough. We knew we had to get things done and we buckled down and did it."

The defense was the star of Friday's game when the Mavs beat up on Oklahoma Panhandle State

71-28.

The Mavs held the Aggies to an abysmal 13 percent shooting in the second half and forced 42 turnovers for the game. OPSU managed only 11 points in the second half after scoring 17 in the first.

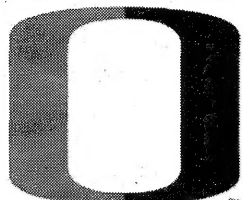
"We came out yesterday and had an amazingly intense defense," Patton Shearer said. "We were in passing lanes, quick, light and aggressive. There were a lot of pieces to our game that were on point and I liked that intensity that we came out with early."

Nelson also praised the team's defense throughout the Thanksgiving Classic.

"Our defense is improving a lot," she said. "I thought we played real good defense yesterday, holding the team to 27 points and 42 turnovers. We feel like our defense is getting better and better. We're going to be a great defensive team and it's going to be tough playing us in the conference."

The Mavs begin their conference season on Wednesday when they take on Washburn at Sapp Fieldhouse at 5:30 p.m.

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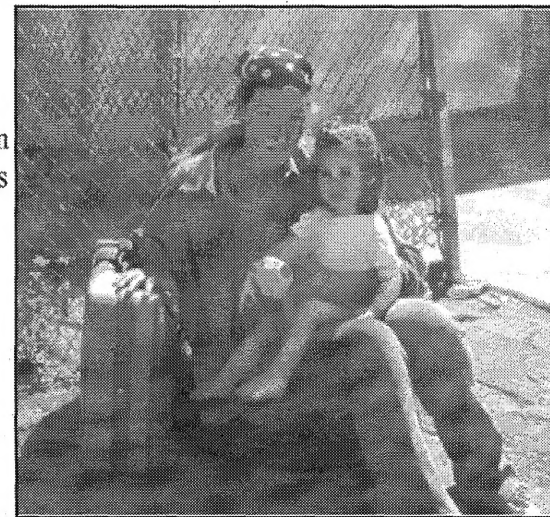
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# Jim Brown a catalyst for social change

During his day he was a 6-foot-2 230 pound steam roller. He has been called the greatest football player of all time and still holds records for yards per attempt and yards per game. But, over the last 50 years, Jim Brown has also been a lightning rod for social change.

His recent comments about Tiger Woods and Michael Jordan have Brown in the spotlight once again. In an interview with HBO's Bryant Gumbel, he said this about Woods, "This cat is a mama-jama, he is a killer. He'll run over you, he'll kick your ass, but as an individual for social change, or any of that kind of [stuff]... terrible, terrible, because he can get away with teaching kids to play golf, and that's his contribution. And in the real world, man, I can't teach no kids to play golf and that's my contribution, if I got that kind of power."

Michael Jordan was inducted into the Pro Basketball Hall of Fame this year and he was also not spared criticism from Brown. Brown once asked him to endorse a Democratic politician. Jordan politely refused, saying, "I'm sorry, but Republicans buy Nike shoes, too."

In addition, Brown has come out against company ad slogans such as Nike's "Be like Mike" campaign. In a speech at Williams College less than a month ago, he said, "Ever since that ad came out all of the black kids want to play basketball. I don't want 100,000 basketball players. I want college presidents and Williams College graduates."

When Brown was drafted by the Cleveland Browns in 1956, the atmosphere

in America was much different than it is now. Racism and inequality was very much a factor in Brown's heyday. This is probably why he chooses to speak his mind. In an interview with the Syracuse Herald Journal, he said, "The modern black athletes are the most embarrassing collection of individuals I've ever seen."

Wearing a black hooded sweatshirt, Brown sat down with journalist Graham Bensinger and clarified this statement. "There's too much buffoonery, the things we fought to get away from, now guys are voluntarily playing the yes-boss slave, yeah, it's embarrassing to me."

With statements like that, it's a sure bet Brown doesn't think Chad Ochocinco's touchdown celebrations are funny.

Brown's accomplishments don't have to be accompanied by touchdown celebrations. He doesn't endorse the now prevalent look-at-me attitude. But, when he took the field, Brown was still great.

In nine NFL seasons he made the Pro Bowl eight times and was a three-time league MVP. Before that, he was an All-American in both football and lacrosse for Syracuse University. In 1967, he shocked the sports world when he retired at the age of 29. He left football as the league's

simple, he didn't want to endure the punishment and possibility of breaking his legs.

"People always say to me they wanted me to play three more years," he said. "I always said to them, 'Why? So I can get two broken legs, become second string and regress to a point where you guys start to pity me? Is that when I'm supposed to retire?'"

After football, Brown signed a three-movie deal with Paramount pictures. He starred in the 1967 war movie "The Dirty Dozen" as well as numerous other features.

Brown's social activism in black and underprivileged communities sets him apart from today's athletes who hide behind their millions and endorsement contracts. Brown, on the other hand, counsels inmates and youth affected by gang violence.

In 1988, he founded the Amer-I-Can Program, a life management skills organization operating in inner cities and prisons.

Boxing great Muhammad Ali was a good friend of Brown's. The two would routinely walk the streets in the 1960s and 1970s just talking with people in the community. They didn't value money like today's athletes and didn't even talk about it as hip-hop artists do. No, they simply walked and talked with common folk, at barber shops and restaurants. They were actually part of the community, rather than a symbol for jealousy and narcissism.

It is easy to see why there is much

contempt from the sporting legend. Today's top athletes value everything the greats from Brown's era didn't. They don't fight for change and equality, they fight for endorsements. And, for the most part, they avoid ghetto communities and politics.

They also seem to constantly promote themselves, unlike Brown.

"I don't make claims of greatness with football or activism, I just am who I am, and I'm completely satisfied with that."

There might be little hope in finding another athlete like Brown or Ali who actually fights for social change. Columnist Jason Whitlock wrote about Brown earlier this summer. In an editorial for Fox Sports, he wrote: "Perhaps one day there will be a new Jim Brown. I doubt it will happen in my lifetime. I've been waiting 40 years for the next Martin Luther King Jr. The lesson is an old one: Jim Brown and everyone else just need to continue being the change they want to see. It's the best we can do."

Basketball great Charles Barkley once sparked outrage by saying, "I am not a role model." With a proper perspective, you can see his point. What Barkley really meant was young people should be looking up to real heroes like teachers and doctors.

Recently, current basketball superstar LeBron James made another startling statement.

"I want to become the first billionaire athlete," he said.

Amazingly, this received very little publicity compared with Barkley's statement. This might be because we have become conditioned to think James' goals are completely acceptable.

Maybe one day James will realize that money and athletic greatness will never buy the respect obtained by a legend like Jim Brown.

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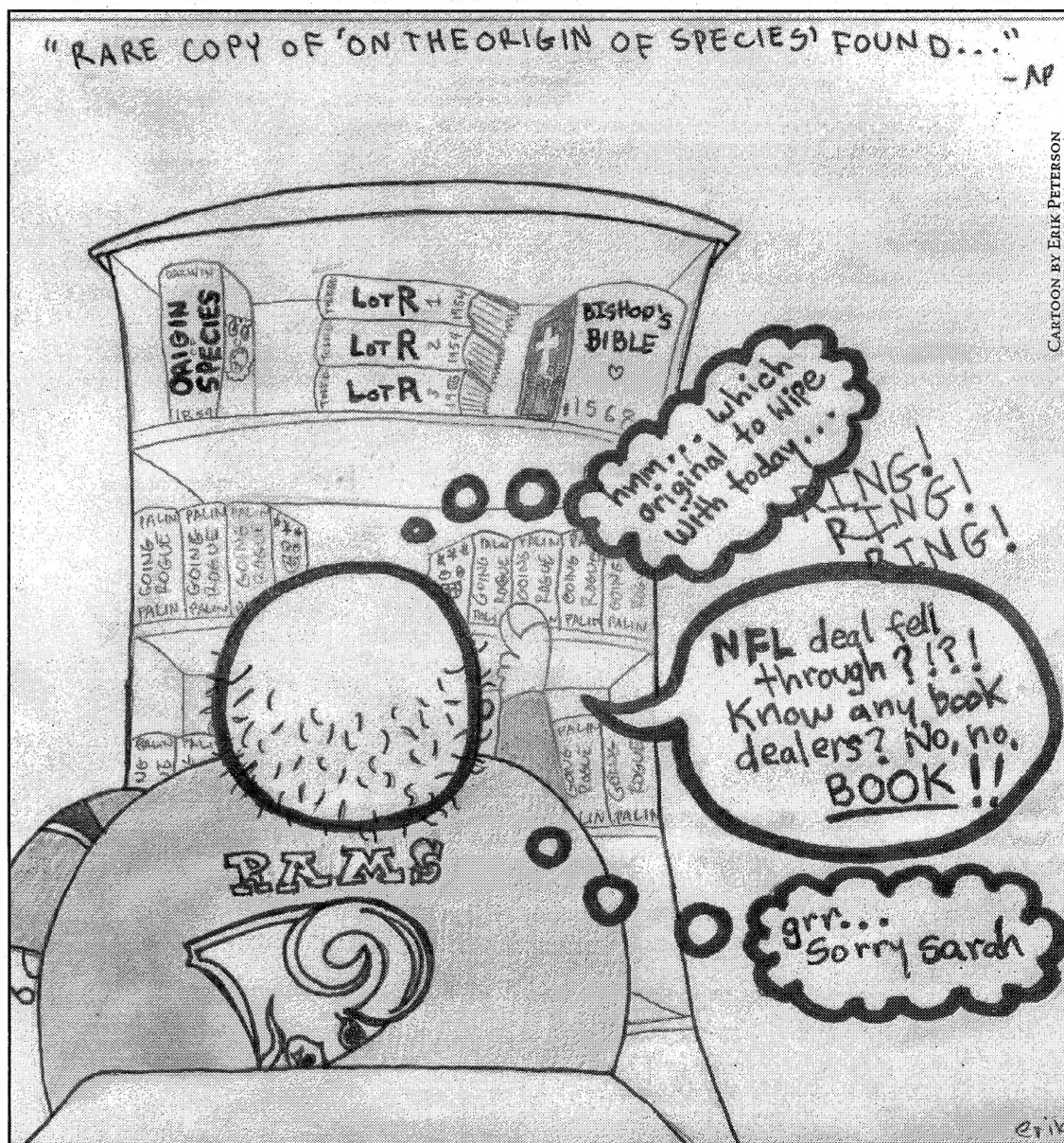
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